



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY



RESPONDING TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

1. Evacuate

- *Have an escape plan in mind ahead of time.*
- *Leave your belongings.*
- *Keep your hands visible.*

2. Hide

- *Hide in a location out of the active shooter's view.*
- *Lock doors and block entry to your location.*

3. Take Action

- *As a last resort and only if your life is in immediate danger.*
- *Attempt to stop or incapacitate the active shooter.*
- *Act as physically aggressive as possible. Commit to your actions.*

**CALL 911 WHEN IT IS
SAFE TO DO SO.**

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect yourself. Realize others may look to you for what to do during an active shooter event.

There are three things you can do that will make a difference.

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2. HIDE

3. TAKE ACTION

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- Be aware that the first responding officers are there to stop the active shooter, not help the wounded or to aid in the evacuation.
- Remain calm and follow their instructions.
- Immediately drop anything you have in your hands and keep your hands visible at all times.
- Avoid making any quick movements toward officers. Do not grab or hold onto the officers.

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description
- Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s)
- Number of potential victims at the location